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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT: PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 400

REF: STATE 183525 OF SEPT. 14, 1973

1. LEO ALBERT, CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS, INFORMED DEPARTMENT APRIL 3 THAT GOP IS NOT ENFORCING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 400 (PD) AND U.S. PUBLISHERS HAVE EVIDENCE THAT U.S. TITLES ARE BEING REPRODUCED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. ALBERT EXPLAINED THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT IN MANILA DECEMBER 1974 THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SERAFIN QUIASON, DIRECTOR OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL LIBRARY; RONY DIAZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ON TEXTBOOKS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; JOHN TUVERA, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT MARCOS; AND PRESIDENT MARCOS. HE HAS ALSO PRESENTED TO GOP COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PD 285 A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 7, 1974, STATING IN DETAIL THE PUBLISHERS' CONCERNS. (COPY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PRENTICE-HALL'S MANILA REPRESENTATIVE.)

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2. ALBERT SAID HE INFORMED MARCOS THAT PD 400 WAS NOT

BEING ENFORCED BY ANY AGENCY OF THE GOP AND AS A RESULT  
PHILIPPINE REPRINTERS HAD DECIDED TO TRANSLATE AND REPRINT

ANY TITLE DESIRED IN LARGE NUMBERS. MARCOS IMMEDIATELY  
REQUESTED HIS AIDE TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE PD 400 IS  
ENFORCED. HOWEVER, ALBERT BELIEVES THAT SINCE MARCOS IS  
CONFRONTED WITH MULTIPLICITY OF PROBLEMS OF HIGH-LEVEL  
NATIONAL IMPORTANCE, HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO FOLLOW-UP  
TO ENSURE ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ENFORCE PD 400. ALBERT  
NOTED THAT HIS DISCUSSION WITH MARCOS AND THE PROBLEM  
CONCERNING PD 400 HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR  
AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

3. ALBERT INITIALLY BELIEVED PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED  
BY WORKING THROUGH HIS OWN PHILIPPINE CONTACTS, QUIASON,  
DIAZ, AND PRENTICE-HALL REPRESENTATIVE TONY ESPOSO.  
THEREFORE, HE DID NOT REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF USG. HOW-  
EVER, LETTERS OF JANUARY 1975 TO QUIASON AND DIAZ HAVE  
NOT BEEN ANSWERED AND ESPOSO'S ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT EITHER  
GOP OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS PROBLEM HAVE BEEN EITHER UNSUC-  
CESSFUL OR DISCUSSIONS AVOIDED PROBLEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A) EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS TO  
APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS USG CONCERN WITH PROBLEM  
CREATED BY REPRINTING OF U.S. TITLES WITHOUT AUTHORIZA-  
TION. BASIC U.S. POSITION REMAINS AS OUTLINED REFTEL.  
HOWEVER, OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT INTENSIFIED AS  
PASSAGE OF TIME AND ISSUANCE OF PD 400 APPEAR TO HAVE  
BROUGHT NO REAL IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION. IT WOULD BE  
USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT (ATTN: EB/CBA/BP) TO HAVE ANY  
AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY FOR GOVERNMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING (INTERNATIONAL BOOK AND LIBRARY PRO-  
GRAMS) PRIOR TO MEETING APRIL 10 AND 11 SINCE THIS MATTER  
IS ON THE AGENDA. B) EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE DEPARTMENT  
IF SICAT PLANS VISIT U.S. IN NEAR FUTURE AND, IF SO,  
WHETHER HE COULD MEET WITH ALBERT AT THAT TIME FOR DIS-  
CUSSION OF COPYRIGHT PROBLEMS. INGERSOLL

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